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1. The "Stomil" Rubber Products Factory at Poznan-Staroleka : (Fabryka Przemyslu Gumowego "Stomil", Poznan-Staroleka) produces tires for bicycles and motorcycles, conveyor belts for coal mines, and tires, size 7.50 x 20 cm., for motor vehicles.
2. There are twelve workshops which exclusively produce tires of the 7.50 x 20 cm. size. Each workshop has three 8-hour shifts and produces sixteen tires every eight hours. This makes a total daily production of 576 tires. The output of sixteen tires every eight hours is the norm which is never exceeded.
3. Buna synthetic rubber is received from the Soviet Zone of Germany regularly once a week in three 15-ton freight cars. The Buna is in the form of rolls up to 50 cm. in diameter and up to 100 cm. in height; each roll weighs 90 kgs. In producing tires for motor cars, 75 percent of Buna is used and for other products, only 25 percent.
4. The finished products are sent to Lodz and from there to the USSR. The home market is supplied with only 10 percent of production. Invoices sent to Lodz show production costs only. The prices for the home market are high. For example, 7.50 x 20 cm. tires cost 16,000 zloty and these are available only to State institutions. The average production cost of these tires is 4,000 zloty each.
5. The average wage of a worker at the Stomil factory, including all allowances, is 16,000 zloty per month.
6. In December 1949, the plan to start production of balloon tires as of 1 January 1950 for the Soviet Air Force was kept strictly secret. Machinery and presses for such production have been received from the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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